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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 2760

FOR ASST. SECRETARY SHRONTZ FROM DCM TANGUY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, NL

SUBJECT: F-104 REPLACEMENT

1. SLIGTING, MOD INFORMATION DIRECTOR AND CONFIDENTA  
OF VREDELING, TELEPHONED DCM AT HOME SUNDAY NIGHT TO  
EXPRESS SOME CONCERN, AS HAD GENERAL STOKLA IN CONVERSA-  
TION DAY BEFORE, THAT GON HAD HEARD NOTHING RE A  
FURTHER BRIEF EXTENSION OF THE MAY 31 SIGNING DEALINE  
TO ACCOMMODATE LAST-MINUTE BELGIAN REQUEST FOR CLARIFICA-  
TIONS. SLIGTING EMPHASIZED THAT LABOR PARTY OPPONENTS  
OF THE F-16 COULD SEIZE UPON THIS LEGAL IRREGULARITY AS  
AN ADDITIONAL REASON FOR REJECTING THE F-16 DURING THE  
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON JUNE 5.

2. SLIGTING HAD HEAD THAT VANDEN BOEYNANTS WAS SUPPOSED  
TO MEET WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER ON JUNE 2 AND HAD NO  
PROBLEM WITH A FEW DAYS' EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE FOR  
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THE BELGIANS. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL  
FOR THE USG TO ISSUE A STATEMENT RE THE EXTENSION,  
OTHERWISE VREDELING'S ALREADY SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN THE  
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE WOULD BE AGGRAVATED.

3. WITHOUT REVEALING STOKLA'S APPROACH, DCM TOLD SLIGTING THAT DOD WAS ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH GON'S CONCERN ON THIS POINT, AND THAT WE HOPED TO HAVE AN ANSWER FROM WASHINGTON SOMETIME ON MONDAY (JUNE 2).

4. COMMENT: CALL FROM SLIGTING ADDS POLITICAL DIMENSION TO URGENT REQUEST FROM STOKLA. RECOMMEND THEREFORE THAT DOD ISSUE DESIRED STATEMENT, IF POSSIBLE ON JUNE 2, AND THAT IN ANY CASE WE RECEIVE SOME RESPONSE WHICH WE CAN RELAY TO VREDELING VIA SLIGTING BEFORE COB JUNE 2 (THE HAGUE TIMEL. REGARDS.  
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